

The Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting
September 20, 2017

Welcome and Introductions: Katie O'Brien, Dr. Jay Schein, Sally Wagner, Santa Wallace, Terri Seitz Parrish, Paulette Spriggs, Philester Ealy, Angie Manning, Cheryl White, Stephen Sopel, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Scott, Judy Volkman, David Greenberg, Tony Lawson, Mary Manzoni, Michael Tan, Joan Walen, Karl Weber, Benjamin Dubin, Julie Gaynor, Jerry Bullinger, Kali Malik, Brad Kressman, Peggy Miller, Hal Franklin, Carla de Mendonca (representing Karen Volz)

Staff: Kaylee Justice

Start: 12:30 pm

Speaker: Peggy Miller from the Baltimore County Department of Aging spoke to the group about the Maryland Access Point (MAP) Program. Peggy covered the areas which the MAP addresses such as:

- Screening and referrals for services and benefits
- Brochures and booklets on a variety of topics mailed to your door
- Information and assistance for seniors and their families
- Loan Closet durable medical equipment for loan to people over age 60
- Options Counseling for adults with disabilities

The Maryland Access Point (MAP) serves as the entry point for obtaining information, referrals and options counseling for seniors, adults with disabilities, their families, caregivers and professionals. The Baltimore County MAP phone number is 410-887-2594. Calls are answered by a team of Certified Information and Assistance Specialists (CIRS), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Terri discussed the importance of the partnership between the aging and disabilities communities.

Report of the Executive Committee: Retreat Meeting

Goals for the Work Groups were set for the upcoming year.

- Housing- Co Chairs Katie O'Brien and Santa Wallace. Goals for the year – HOME Act and 811 Federal Housing Program coming to Maryland. Meetings at the IMAGE Center. Diane Dressler and Marsha Parham will be attending the 2017/2018 Housing Work Group meetings.
- Education Co Chairs Mary Scott and Mary Manzoni. Goals for the year-Improving Transition Services and CODING, which could potentially be great job opportunities for students. Meetings at Odyssey School.
- Universal Access - Co Chairs Larry Hughes and Kali Mallik. Goals – Ensure ADA compliance to public buildings in Baltimore County. Continue distributing Respect the Space surveys. Share parking lot surveys with Don Brand ADA Coordinator for Balt. Co,

Doug Adams, Department of Public Works and with the Office of Permits and Licensing. Educate compliance and code enforcement within our County. Meetings TBD

- Legislative Task Force. Mike Bullis, Greg Miller, David Greenberg, Ben Dubin and Karl Weber to report on pertinent legislation. No meetings
- Public Relations – Plan the Awards Luncheon - begins Spring 2018
- Transportation opportunities – Met with Kevin Quinn, Director MTA Maryland Transit Administration, Dan O’Reilly, Office of Mobility Transportation and Tom Curtis DOD Transportation. Asked to refer 2 persons (stakeholders) to be appointed to the Maryland Coordinated Transportation Task Force –DOD committee that meets every other month
- Training for First Responders (Montgomery and Anne Arundel County have curriculums they are willing to share). Potential New group.

Luncheon Update:

- Invitations are going out late; however, we are staying on track and completing all the tasks as needed for the Luncheon.
- The Luncheon will be held upstairs instead of downstairs this year.
- 11 Awards will be given out this year.

Resource Guide Update:

The Resource Guide will be merging with the Department of Aging. The Department of Aging will now be responsible for the sale of advertisements and distribution of the upcoming merged Guide. Terri has sent over a letter of intent to the Department of Aging on behalf of the Commission on Disabilities to initiate the merged Guide.

Announcements:

- Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill overview
- **If you are not on a Work Group or Task Force- keep in mind you need to join one.**
- There will be no October Commission on Disabilities meeting- The Luncheon is to be held on 10/18/2017
- The Next Commission on Disabilities Meeting will be held on November 15, 2017

Suggestions for Upcoming Speakers (TENANTIVE):

- October 18, 2017 Awards Luncheon at Hunt Valley
- November 16, 2017- Betty Ann Mobley – Implementing the ABLE Act
 - Achieving a Better Life Experience
- December 8, 2017- Orientation New Members, Future Home Annex 4:00-5:30
- January 17, 2018- Lauren Kallins (MACS) Legislation
- February 21, 2018- Norman Wang and Don Brand – ADA Codes
- March 21, 2018- Rebecca Reider, BCPS Director Special Education
- April 18, 2018- Councilman Tom Quirk, District #1
- May 16, 2018- Alvin Guillard or Cleveland Horton MD Comm on Civil Rights
- June 20, 2018- PICNIC at Stembridge Community Center Pavilion 12noon -2:00pm

Adjournment: 2:07 pm